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ANNUAL STATUS REPORT RELEASED BY STATE

Elba City Schools gets good marks

by Ferrin Cox
Editor

The Elba City Schools got good marks in the annual status report recently released by the Alabama Department of Education.

Superintendent Charles Pearce was obviously pleased with the results as he went over the report with The Elba Clipper on Tuesday afternoon. He commended the teachers and the students for their efforts in spite of the adverse conditions the system has been operating under since last March.

The report divides the state into eight homogeneous groups, or clusters, based on socioeconomic conditions of the community and the size of the system as determined by enrollment.

The report provides for reporting of certain information items by system, by cluster, and by state for comparison purposes.

The Elba numbers are not entirely accurate, considering the March 1990 flood time is right in the middle of the reporting period.

However, even with the flood,

Elba held a 94.8% daily attendance, only a .1% lower than the state average.

Elba spent 54.4% of the available funds on classroom instruction, compared with only a 50% state average. However Elba exceeded the average in general education, which included nutrition by a fraction of a percent.

Elba continues to fall short in local revenue percentages, chalking up only a 9.7% compared with a state average of 10.2%. This may have been a bit confusing in the past, because certain funds coming from the City are not counted because they don't actually go to the school first, before paying to go to both the state and the county.

For Elba the Stanford Achievement test was not taken in Elba, due to the flood destroying all testing materials and the time for giving the test ran out during the flood turmoil. However Elba did well on the ACT and the High School Graduation Examination.

The ACT average in Elba was 18.6, while the state average was 19.0. However the Elba students ex-

ceeded the state average on the core subjects (English, Math, Science and Social Studies). In this area they scored an average of 22 while the state average was 21.6.

Elba dropped down on the ACT test in the area of courses which included English, Math, Science, etc.

On the graduation exam, Elba students have pulled their average up in the math area, a continuing problem in past years. This year 97.5% of the students passed the portion on the first try. The state average is only below 50%. Historically Elba has fallen below the state average in this area.

Elba dropped below the state average in reading, but again exceeded in the language area.

The overall average put Elba 2.4% above the average. Pearce was optimistic the shortcomings in the Elba test results could be addressed and the state given the necessary additional help to overcome the problems. He pointed out the 64.8% of the Elba teachers who have advanced teaching degrees as a valuable resource to implement necessary problem solving.



DOWN WITH THE OLD UP WITH THE NEW.. Take one last look at Elba's old city hall building because it is on its way down. The building, which was deemed unsafe due to flood damage, is being torn down to make room for a new structure. The building which was erected in 1948 housed city offices until approximately 10 years ago.

APRIL

Creel murder trial underway

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

A Coffee County jury began hearing testimony in the Joseph D. Creel murder trial on Monday afternoon.

Creel, 26, of Elba is charged with two counts of murder and one count of first-degree assault.

The prosecution came from the investigation of a two-vehicle wreck which occurred July 8, 1990, at approximately 5:05 a.m., on Alabama Highway 189 approximately four miles south of Elba.

There were two persons, Scott Wayne Norris, 19, and Dorothy A. Skinner, 56, both of Elba, killed in the two-car crash.

Norris was a passenger in the automobile driven by Creel. Creel was a passenger in the other automobile involved in the crash driven by Mrs. Myrtle Guy, 69, of Elba.

Mrs. Guy sustained serious injuries in the wreck and is being treated by doctors at this time.

Also injured in the wreck was Ronnie Crawley, 22, of Elba.

Van damaged by explosion in Jack

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

An explosion which damaged a vehicle in the Jack Community is under investigation by the Coffee County Sheriff's Department and ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms) and the federal government's investigation.

At approximately 1:45 a.m. on Wednesday, March 27, 1991, Mr. Herbert Bundy, who resides on Rd. 43 in the Jack Community in North Coffee County, was awoken by a "loud noise."

According to Sheriff Bruce Paul, Mr. Bundy did not see anything out of the ordinary when he investigated, so he went back to bed.

Shortly after 7:00 a.m., Mr. Bundy realized that a 1986 Ford Econoline Van which was parked in his yard had been damaged by an explosion and he notified the authorities.

After arriving on the scene and making a preliminary investigation, the sheriff's department requested technical assistance from Ft. Rucker's Explosive Ordnance Disposal Department.

The bomb team, after investigating the explosion scene and the vehicle involved, determined that it was not a "mechanical vehicle explosion."

Members of the rescue squad stated there will be something for everyone!

Some of the events planned include the following: horse rides, go-

sing, drink wagon, bar-b-que

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rides, games, ZTTZ live remote,

and a rummage sale.

Children games will include: Day

in History, Jacob's Ladder, Moon

and Mini Donuts.

There will also be many other ac-

ivities taking place on the square.

According to squad personnel, the auction will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.

Everyone is invited to come join in the fun and SUPPORT THE ELBA RESCUE SQUAD.

Elba Rescue Squad Day is being planned for Saturday, April 6, 1991. The activities of the day will take place on the historic courthouse square in downtown Elba beginning at 8:00 a.m. with no set time for closing.

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DEADLINES The ELBA CLIPPER DEADLINES are as follows: 5:00 p.m. on Mondays for social news and 12:00 noon on Tuesdays for advertising and all other news.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS THIS WEEKEND

Spring Forward
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Daylight Savings Time Starts
Sunday AM, April 7th

Two car collision sends two youths to hospital

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

On Wednesday, March 29, a two-car collision sent two individuals to the hospital and the Elba Fire Department was dispatched to the scene of the accident.

According to Police Sgt. Dale Cobb of the Elba Police Department, the accident occurred at approxi-

mately 6:20 p.m. at the intersection of State Avenue and Hwy. 125 and Herman Driggers Drive.

Units of the Elba Rescue Squad and the Elba Fire Department were dispatched to the scene of the accident.

Injured in the accident were 18-year-old Dennis Young of Phenix City, Alabama and 16-year-old Misty Dawn Miller, a resident of 418 Moore Avenue of Elba.

Young stated that Young was trapped in his vehicle and had to be freed by rescue personnel using the Jaws-of-Life.

Young and Miller were both transported to Elba General Hospital for emergency treatment. They were later transferred to Flowers Hospital in Dothan for further treatment of their injuries.

At the time of transfer, Young's condition was listed as critical with his left arm and legs.

Miller has since been released from the hospital and Young is still in a Dothan hospital with his condition.

Sgt. Leslie Hassey of the Coffee County Sheriff's Department was the first officer on the scene and assisted local police with the investigation.

EPD to present drug awareness program soon

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

The Elba Police Department is

planning to present a Drug Awareness Program on Saturday, April 16,

at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Coffee County Courthouse in Elba.

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In Mr. Blackmon's bid, a request

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\$1,500 to purchase material (steel) to be used on the street facing the

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the bid was approximately \$3,000

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

We got the urge to cash in on the Florida Lottery last week. We had a gut feeling that Easter weekend was to be our lucky week. We were wrong... again. However Sunday afternoon we found the numbers in one of the daily papers and made another mistake. We assumed all those high numbers would eliminate even the smallest chance of picking the right numbers. It will never happen next week, but there was a lone winner from somewhere down in South Florida. Now we have our gamblers companion cured for a while, 'cause we don't like giving up one single dollar without getting back at least two!

It happened again Tuesday morning. The telephone rang and the sweet fast talking female voice identified herself as Jennifer and skinned over exactly who she represented, but "wanted to check the serial number on our photo-copyer." Having had such calls before we were going to tell her to buzz off, but first was curious as to which firm she represented. We ask photo-copyer, "Who are you?" She said, "I'm from..." Then there was a click on the line and no more Jennifer. These border town operations get serial numbers and from that know the brand, etc. They then ship some sort of surplus plus a bill and apparently there is enough of these that they make a good living, because the calls keep coming.

Does Florida really want to draft Persian Gulf war hero General Norman Schwarzkopf for the Senate, or is the draft movement just another game of a direct mail firm taking advantage of the times to make a buck? We don't really know the answer to that one but to be safe, we ain't gonna donate to any fund promising to draft the man.

We listen with interest as politicians complain that the U. S. should have completely wiped out the Iraqi military before stopping the war. At the time the allies were moving nonstop across the countryside, the cry was to stop picking on and abusing those nice people. Now when those nice people are continuing to kill their own in wholesale lots, these same political types try to make hay by taking the other side. Hogwash!!

The Elba city government appears to be facing a knock down drag out battle over what should be a simple matter of replacing flood damaged facilities with like or better facilities. A proposal that has been forwarded by design engineer to the city commission is to be voted on this week. It will include calls for placing the public library in the area of the old high school library. The "repaired" version calls for moving the Chamber of Commerce to the former principal's office, and preparing some former classrooms for scouts etc. meeting rooms and tearing down the auditorium and Jr. High wing.

Professional library experts urge the new library be located in a high exposure area, noting the present location on the square has already increased the number of books being checked out, even with the limited facilities and fact books are still being required to replace the losses to the flood.

We assume the designers of this plan have something planned for locating the the rescue squad building and the senior citizens building.

We like the idea of putting senior citizens in the former superintendent's office. However in the old city hall there is room for a lot more. We are not yet ready to be the ones who says turn down the auditorium and Jr. High wing of the old school. There are some problems with this, and we can see the need for some modifications of that plan but join with at least the majority of the library board in opposing something the experts tell us just ain't a good idea. Let's take the money sent in for building a library and build a library... not send it back to Montgomery and Washington!

We are in the middle of the old school days showing work for schools for both a home for senior citizens and a daycare for other senior citizens allowing those who care for them now at home to hold down a paying job during the day. Also we believe in having a facility for elderly people to live, have medical help and prepared food close by, without having to enter a nursing home... Somewhere they can live and enjoy their remaining years... is something they so richly deserve.

Now about the tearing down of school buildings. First before anything can be done with the buildings, the school board must decide they are complete. Otherwise it is over and over damage. This, we understand will take several more months. The longer it takes, the more damage to the property. At that time, we think the middle school and probably the vocational building should be knocked down. The middle school is apparently dangerous to even walk in while the vocational facility repair cost are shocking. Then we should start looking at needs and uses for the other facilities.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department during the week beginning Tuesday, March 26, investigated the following incidents: two thefts of property, one assault, one fugitive from justice, one criminal mischief, one missing person, and two burglaries. The total of time were as follows: seven-

teen for speeding, one for DUI, one for no driver's license, one for driving while suspended, two for running a stop sign, three for expired tag, one for expired driver's license, one for fugitive from justice, one for driving while suspended, one for running a red light.

Daily activity for the week was as follows:

TUESDAY, MAR. 26 - Alarm @ Reserve Center (6:13 a.m.); Rescue run to residence on Adkinson St. (6:25 a.m.); Fire on Hwy. 84E. (6:46 a.m.).

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 27 - Wreck on Smith Ave. (6:20 p.m.); Rescue run to residence on Hwy. 87N. (3:47 p.m.); Alarm @ The People's Bank (5:08 p.m.).

THURSDAY, MAR. 28 - Rescue to Elba Gen. Hosp. (3:39 a.m.); Rescue run to residence on Highland Dr. (9:16 a.m.); Rescue run to residence on Cedar Lane Dr. (10:31 p.m.).

SATURDAY, MAR. 30 - Burglary on Stoudmire St. (1:13 p.m.); Burglary at Dr. Dyess' office (2:47 p.m.); Rescue run to residence in New Brockton (3:34 p.m.); Fire to Morrow Village (4:30 p.m.).

SUNDAY, MAR. 31 - Rescue run to residence on Jackson St. (7:52 a.m.); Routine activity.

MONDAY, APR. 1 - Rescue run to wreck on Hwy. 87S (3:49 p.m.); Routine activity.

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Spring Tour Of Homes To Be Held

Tom and Dot Casaday love the outdoors so much a house where they can enjoy nature.

Overlooking the lake at Gateway Estates, the Casaday home in Enterprise will be on tour. The home is one of the three on Enterprise Garden Club's Association's Spring Tour of Homes. The tour is Saturday, April 7, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Casaday home, located at 120 Lakewood Drive, has a room extension with a deck. The home is two and a half years old with four bedrooms and four and a half bathrooms. The den and foyer have a two-story ceiling with an open fireplace.

The Casadays also enjoy a deck and screened porch. The home has many windows and French doors so that the sunrooms and lake are always in plain view.

For Wanda Anderson the view is the 16th green and a lake at Enterprise Country Club's golf course.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hannon's home located at 216 Lakewood Drive has four bedrooms and four and a half bathrooms. There is a Florida room.

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a spacious country kitchen and a large dining room with a service door from the kitchen. The downstairs overlooks a beautiful enclosed brick patio.

The home is decorated entirely in shabby chic style. The exterior of the home is also a showcase of art, some by Mrs. Anderson herself, and furniture the family has collected over the years.

Sharon and Dale Wise, 102 Aztec Drive, chose to have a view of their swimming pool when building their home. The one-story, horse-shoe shaped home is very unique and a path leads to the pool.

The Wises, who have a 17-year-old daughter, built the 2,300 square-foot home five years ago. It has three bedrooms, two baths and the master bath features a garden-tub surrounded by steps and mirrors.

Sharon chose to decorate in earthy, pink, blue and white. She has a lovely collection of baskets, green plants, and wicker furniture. The white kitchen features glass cabinets.

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New Arrival

JAMISON KEITH BAKER

Bobby and Lynn Baker proudly announce the adoption of their son Jamison Keith Baker, who was born on March 2, 1991. Jamison weighed 6 lbs. 14 ozs and was 19 1/2 inches long at birth.

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den Club members.

Tickets to the tour are \$5 and may be purchased from Azalea, Daffodil and Flower Lovers Garden Club members. Tickets may also be purchased at the door the day of the tour.

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Let's Go Kite Flying

by LeAnn Hinote

Air is warmed by the sun and carried off on its wings of joy and a kite can speed along in its wake. Dipping and twisting, the kite is continuously climbing higher and higher until, at last, there is no more wind and it hangs motionless at the kite, pulling it skyward.

The wind is seeking to carry the kite the way of the wind to great altitudes where the air is cooled. The air becomes more dense and sinks earthward to re-

lease other air that has been warmed and

What better way to teach this science lesson than to go kite flying? Mrs. Jackie Jimright, science teacher, used this method to teach her eighth grade students about air currents, rising and cool air falling. She said that kite flying is an excellent demonstration of wind currents and besides spring is the time to escape outside whenever possible.

3rd Grade Learns Dental Hygiene

by Carenia Rodgers

The Sprinkle Creek school program was recently taught to Zion Chapel's third grade by the school nurse, Mrs. Shelly Dean.

Mrs. Dean taught the students about dental hygiene and showed them a video about it. The video showed how sweets eat away at the teeth. The students began with Sunday of Week 1, the students had to color in the square, the calendar each day they brushed, morning and night. At the end of the calendar there was an agreement by the parents to supervise their child's brushing.

pasta and a toothbrush. They also kept a booklet about how to keep healthy teeth and a calendar to mark off the days and nights during a week.

Mrs. Rachel Bryan, teacher of the course, made sure the students were happy about it. The video showed how sweets eat away at the teeth. The students began with Sunday of Week 1, the students had to color in the square, the calendar each day they brushed, morning and night. At the end of the calendar there was an agreement by the parents to supervise their child's brushing.

cause of the chapter they were studying on the development of Japanese culture. The subjects the students were learning about were food, art, and nature. Thirty percent of the students wrote about love. One student, Tim Marshall, described love being the "sunshine." She said that one minute love was alive and the next minute it had died. Thirty-eight percent of the students wrote about love. One student, Chris Eddins, wrote about how wonderful flowers are and then compared flowers to people.

The other subjects the students wrote about were life, loneliness, friends, and religion.

The Zion Chapel Chapter of FFA recently competed in a Dairy Judging Contest, Mark Hodges, Wesley Messer, Donnie Parker, and Michael Stewart were the team members from Zion Chapel. They team members, Mrs. Holstein, and Ayre, sheared breeds of cattle.

Each student had to judge the cattle

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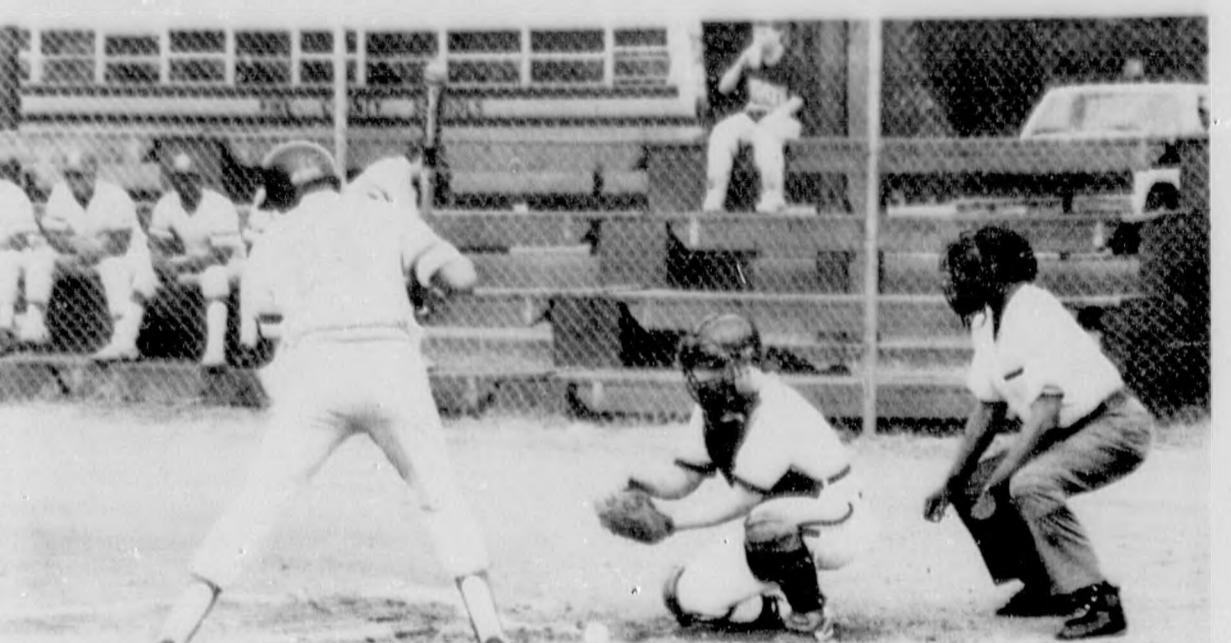
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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz

SPORTS

Tigers up record to 7-2



I'm not much on hiding Easter eggs; however, Sunday afternoon the Mularz clan took part in a big Easter egg hunt and I'll have to admit that I kind of enjoyed watching the kids hunt the eggs in a big open field. Some of the kids were more interested in just running around, while others were happy just cracking the eggs they found and sitting down and eating em. The Mularz girls, with a little help, combined to find 29 eggs, which was five more than their brother, so, I guess they do okay. I just wish someone in the family liked eating boiled eggs!

TIGERS CARRY UP RECORD INTO AREA 2 BATTLES

The Elba Tigers played five games during the AEA break and claimed four wins to their record to 7-2 heading into this week's key Area 2 contests against Rehoboth and Luverne.

The Tigers were impressive in posting a win over Andalusia and G.W. Long. They will be tested in whipping Arion and their didn't play very well in losing to G.W. Long. The Tigers have already proven they can play and compete with any team on their schedule, but they should have also proven to themselves that when they don't give it all they've got they can lose to anybody on their schedule.

Pitching continued to be a pleasure surprise for the Tigers as Mark Maguire, David Rowes, and Shane Blanton pitched eight-innings in a win over Arion. David Rowe was overpowering in another win over Arion and Mark Matthews came through in relief with three innings of hitless ball in the loss to Long. The pitching staff looked suspect before the start of the season, but has limited opponents to less than five runs in all but two games, and has been a very pleasant surprise.

The hitting has been up and down through the early part of the year, but for the most part has been getting enough hits and runs to post a bunch of wins. No one player has been consistent every night out, however, Shane Blanton, David Rowes, and Todd McCullum have been the best. Young has more than one players gets hot, the results could be runs in bunches!

I try to be realistic and not get too excited about the wins, and I know that four of the seven wins have been over 1A Arion, but I'm convinced that the Tigers are headed for another big season. The Tigers have competitors at every position on the field and the players have already proven in other sports that they are winners and will never quit. It may not be the most talented team ever, but it could be the most competitive.

ELBA LADY TIGERS HOPING FOR BETTER RESULTS

The Lady Tiger softball team failed to chalk up a win prior to the AEA break and won't play again until next week, but should come back fresh and ready to play after several days off. The softball team worked almost non-stop for five weeks before its opener and was practically burned-out before the season even started. The rest and time away from softball should do the Lady Tigers some good and, for one think a win isn't far away.

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT TO KICKOFF LEAGUE SCHEDULE

The Men's Softball League will kickoff its season next week with a pre-season tournament and from the sound of things it might just be anybody's tournament. Mike's Gym is back in town and could overpower some folks; however, Caret Logging boasts some of the top players in the area and several of the other teams have been playing with success and could surprise the big boys. It should be interesting, to say the least.

Daniels named All-State

The honors continued to roll in for Elba standout Dennis Daniels last week when he was named to The Dothan Eagle's 1990-91 "Super 12" for classes 1A-3A.

Daniels, a 5-10, senior, was one of the state's premiere for the Elba Tigers with a 28% average and was feasted by opposing defenses because of his deadly accuracy from the mound. He had a 10-2 record, high game this season in the prestigious Dothan Progress Holiday Tourney, when he scorched the nets for 45 points against a 6A power Dothan.

Daniels, a three-year starter for Coach Hank Kennedy's Tigers, was my.

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ELBA'S SHANE BLANTON BLOCKS A LOW PITCH DURING A RECENT TIGER WIN. BLANTON HAS LED THE TIGERS TO A 7-2 RECORD WITH HIS HARD HITTING AND CLUTCH FIELDING BEHIND THE PLATE.

A single by Eric Simmons led and never looked back Wednesday as the Tigers buried the Arion Purple cats 12-2.

Shane Blanton reached on a walk in the fourth inning, moved to third on an error on a sacrifice fly and scored on a sacrifice fly by Shaw Young. The lead was 4-0, and that's how it remained until the sixth, when Andalusia scored without getting a hit to cut the lead to 5-1.

A leadoff single by Shane Blanton and an RBI single by David Rowe upped the Elba total to 6-1 after six and the Tigers easily held off a late rally to win 6-3.

Shane Blanton scored 3 runs to spark the Elba win, while Mark Magwood got the win as tossed a 2-hitter and fanned 6 batters.

ELBA 1
CARROLL 0

The Elba Tigers put a run on the board in the first and turned things over to Hayden Young as the Tigers blanked the Carroll Eagles, of Ozark, 1-0, Tuesday in the opening round of the Ozark Baseball Tournament.

Young had trouble opening the game, stole second and then raced home when a steal attempt of third drew a wild throw to give the Tigers a quick 1-0 lead.

Elba loaded the bases in the second and managed to score, and then used fine defensive efforts to preserve the 1-0 win.

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I give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; because his mercy endureth for ever.

Let Israel now say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

Let the house of Aaron now say,

that his mercy endureth for ever.

Let them now that fear the Lord say that his mercy endureth for ever.

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The Lord is on my side; I will not fear what man can do unto me.

The Lord taketh my part with them that help me; therefore shall I see my goodness in the land that have it.

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.

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All nations compassed me about;

but in the name of the Lord will I destroy them.

Psalms 118:1-10

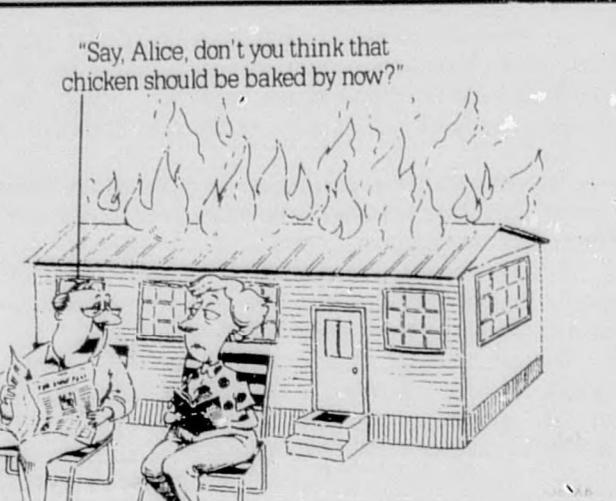
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Mulberry District Union

The Mulberry District Ministers, Deacons, and Laymen's Union convened with the Mt. Canaan Baptist Church Dovier (Seagrove), Alabama, Sunday, March 31, 1991, Rev. E. M. McRae, Pres.

Those from Elba attending the Union were: Tillman Lindsey, Vera Williams and Shane; Allie Henderson, Ernestine Keller, Maria Tifany, Rev. Arthur J. Barber, Jr., Captain

Annie Peeler, Brittnie, and Catherine, Rev. E. Magwood, Ruby, and Emanuel; Grover and Era Belcher; Rev. J.L. Caldwell, Moderator.

Matrons Tea

Mulberry District Matrons Annual Tea was held Saturday, March 30, 1991, at 6:00 p.m. at the Mulberry Educational Building, Rt. 2 Hwy. 166, Elba, Alabama. Theme: United women - 2 Corinthians 6:1.

Worship - Sis. Anna P. Shier
Worship - Sis. Sue Stradmine

Matrons Pledge - Sis. Joyce Jones

Reading - Sis. Estella Williams

Presentation of Speaker - Sis. Bilie E. Wren

Signature - Sis. Juanita Scott
Response - Sis. Alice Freeney

Remarks - Rev. J.G. Chatman, Moderator

Matrons of Order - Sis. Gladys Yelverton, President of Mulberry District Matrons

Good Friday Services

The Mulberry Missionary Baptist Association Minister Alliance was held Friday night, March 29, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mulberry Educational Building, Rt. 2 Hwy. 166, Elba, Alabama.

The Seven Last Words of Christ

From the Cross

Father forgive them - Rev. Cummings

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Mrs. Betsy F. Wright, Gadsden Heights, Elba, was in the home of her mother, Mrs. Juanita Scott, Elba, recently.

The Pastor Rev. A.R. Williams, The Mountaintop Club and other members of the Rocky Head M.B. Church, Elba, traveled to Quincy, FL for worship services at the Blessed Hope Church, Sunday, March 31 (Easter Sunday) 1991.

The Pastor Rev. A.R. Williams, Bessie, Shaiketa, Chastity, Aubretha and Ray, J.L. and Estella Williams, Kimberly Riedaux, Pattie Porter, Linda, Vickie, Cecilia, Cynthia, Shirley, Evelyn Guley, Karen Phillips, Novella Robinson, Wallace and Mattie Belcher, and Rodriguez Riedaux, Rev. Gamble is pastor of Blessed Hope.

Joyce B. Johnson, Kathy, Thea and Greg Kelley, Tuskegee, Alabama, were in the home of Grover and Era Belcher, Ernestine Kelley, Evelyn Guley, Elba, and Wiley and Juanita Brooks, Enterprise, during the A.E.A. holidays (spring break). Tillman Lindsey and Arthur J. Barber, Jr., who had been visiting the Johnsons returned home with them.

Mr. Lindsey said, "I had the time of my life. Joyce, Thea, Wiley and Juanita were in the Alabama Music Hall of Fame in Tuscaloosa, Helen Keller home, and worship services at Hopewell C.P. Church, Leighton, AL; the shopping mall in Florence, and the T.J. Maxx in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Shoes and the Muscle Shoals area in general. Hopefully, I'll be able to visit again soon."

Sale is made to foreclose said mortgage having been granted to the undersigned on the 27th day of March, 1991 by the Hon. Marion B. Branson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, in the amount of \$1,000.00 plus \$65.00 which mortgage with the debt thereby incurred is subject to foreclosure, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

RUBY L. GRAY
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PROBATE COURT

A Notary Public, witness, affiant, and

Sharon Stewart Boswell,
DefendantIN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMAELBA DIVISION
CASE NO. DR 91-17

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Human Sciences Scholarship Available

Sandra T. Coffey
County Agent

Coffee County Extension Homemakers Council has been throughout the year raising money for a scholarship that will be presented to an eligible applicant who majors in human sciences. The applicant should be a high school senior planning to major in human sciences or a related field and currently enrolled in a high school in Coffee County.

Human sciences formerly call home economics, encompasses many types of careers. Listed below are some of the areas in which you may major in college and still be eligible for this scholarship: fashion merchandising, interior textiles, interior and housing families, child development, food science, hotel and restaurant management, nutrition and foods, family economics, home economics education, and public relations.

To receive a scholarship application, contact our office at 894-5596. The application should be completed and returned to your guidance counselor no later than April 30.



Coffee County 4-H District Steer Show Winners! This group of Coffee County youth all won honors and awards at the recent Tri-States Steer Show in Dothan. (back row left to right) Reggie Britt, Charles Boyman, Jill Smith, Bo Boyd, (middle row left to right) Emily Bryan, Vaughn Boyd, Joni Smith, Amanda Britt, (front row kneeling) Clint Patterson and Jerome Bryan. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THESE WINNERS!

Elba 4-H Report

March 15, Mrs. Shirley's girl's met with Mrs. Wilson's girls for 4-H. We talked about our record books that are due April 19.

If you are going to 4-H Camp hurry and send your money. It cost \$50.00, but if you wish you can send \$25.00.

Don't forget about the local public Speaking Contest. The next club meeting will be April 19.

4-H REPORTER
BRANDEE FARRIS

Agriculture Is A Huge Business In Coffee County

Stan Windham Associate County Agent

I am not sure that people across Coffee County really realize what agriculture means to the economy of the county. Agriculture is the backbone of the entire Wiregrass area. In 1989 agriculture generated over \$112 million just in Coffee County. In 1990 (we do not have the figures yet) I am sure it is even higher. Just to somewhere in the \$90 million range, but still in a bad year this is a huge amount of money to be generated by one industry in any given county.

To give you some idea of the type of commodities we have in Coffee County, I would like to give you just a short rundown of the different commodities, the amount of acres, and if we rank in the top 20 in the state in some areas of a given commodity.

There are some 7500 acres of corn in Coffee County, which was the 10th ranked county in the state. Cotton had 1830 acres while hay had 900 acres planted and 1700 acres of oats.

Peanuts, which is by far our largest row crop, had 27,500 acres planted in Coffee County. This figure ranked us 10th in the state. There were 1000 acres of soybeans planted and 7600 acres of soybeans.

Coffee County planted 5500 acres of wheat, and we produced 120,000 pounds of pecans.

There are 26,500 head of cattle in Coffee County, which ranks 20th in the state. The reason I put 20th in the state by this figure is that it is amazing that we have this many cattle

with a vast number of acres that we have planted to row crops, timber and other ag uses such as broker houses and feed yards.

There were 8100 head of hogs in Coffee County. This figure has probably declined the most of any figure in the last few years. There were 340 head of milk cows in Coffee County and 1000 head of dairy Grade A dairy. We had 44,943,000 broilers produced in Coffee County, and this ranked fifth in the state.

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Fire Ants Have No Natural Enemies

Dan Presley-County Agent Coordinator

FIRE ANTS

What is the best way to control fire ants? Fire ants have no natural enemies, and there are no natural controls, so chemical treatment is a must.

Baits, contact insecticides or powders offer only temporary control of surface ants. Research indicates that fire ants have a very high developed security system. At the first sign that the colony is being disturbed they will immediately take the queen deeper into the mound or move her to an entirely new site.

Baits can be used to control fire ants. The bait should be applied around the fire ant mound through the food cycle and eventually kill the queen - or queens in multiple queen mounds. Research conducted by USDA reports that the bait's effectiveness on multiple queen mounds matches its performance on single queen mounds.

The bait should be sprinkled around the mound and not on the mound itself. Ants may confuse the bait with their natural food, if they eat it on their mound.

Even baits won't completely eliminate the fire ant, but they're the best weapon we have. For areas larger than 3/4 acre, the bait should be broadcast using a hand-held or power spreader.

There are several contact insecticides that can be used to help control fire ants. Be sure to apply these contact insecticides in uniform areas to three feet around the mound.

There are contact insecticides, or some people call them pour-ons. You need to use about a gallon of liquid per mound. Use a sprayer and thoroughly wet the mound and surrounding area to 12 to 18 inches in diameter. You should keep the children and pets off the treated area until the spray dries. None of these insecticides will rid your property of all fire ants, but it should knock the population down so that we can live with them.

WHY RECYCLE?

Recycling means reclaiming some of our natural resources. Recycling also generates employment, reduces the threat of pollution and provides an important opportunity for us as citizens to get involved in re-

solving an important environmental problem.

Paper, farm store in New Brockton, Fine and Seed, Fleming Ford Tractor, Elba Ford Tractor, H & H Equipment, Harrell Milling Company, etc. All of these agricultural businesses produce commodities. Even in the little town of Kinston, there is Dixie Ag Supply and Kinston Ag Supply. So agriculture is not figured in with this at all. Those figures which of course actually goes to grocery, furniture, clothes, school supplies, and all the other essentials of life.

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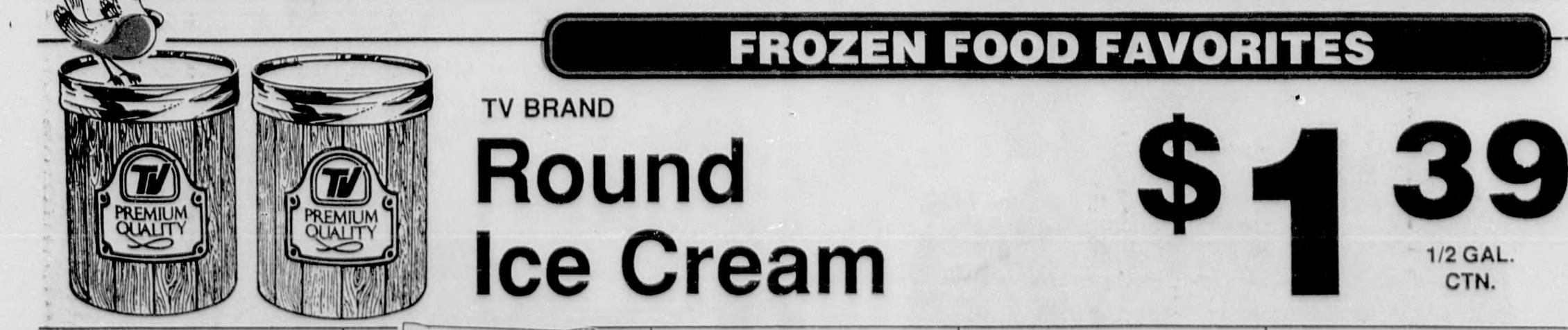
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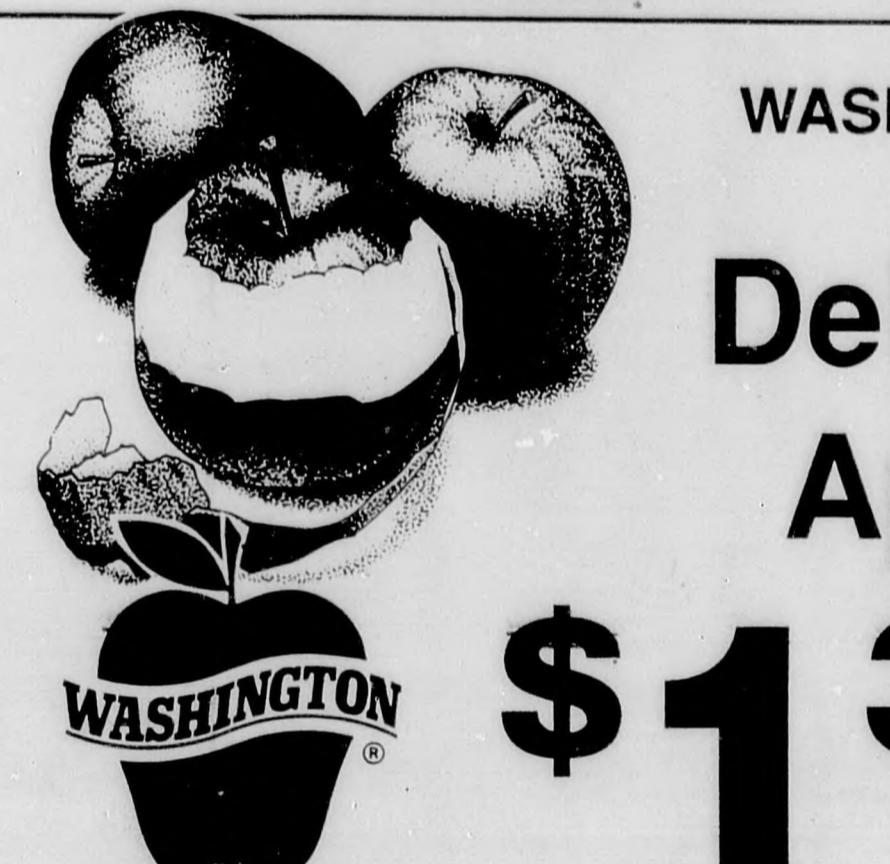
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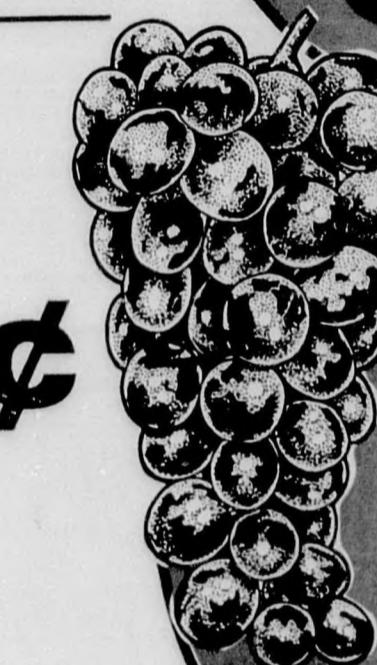
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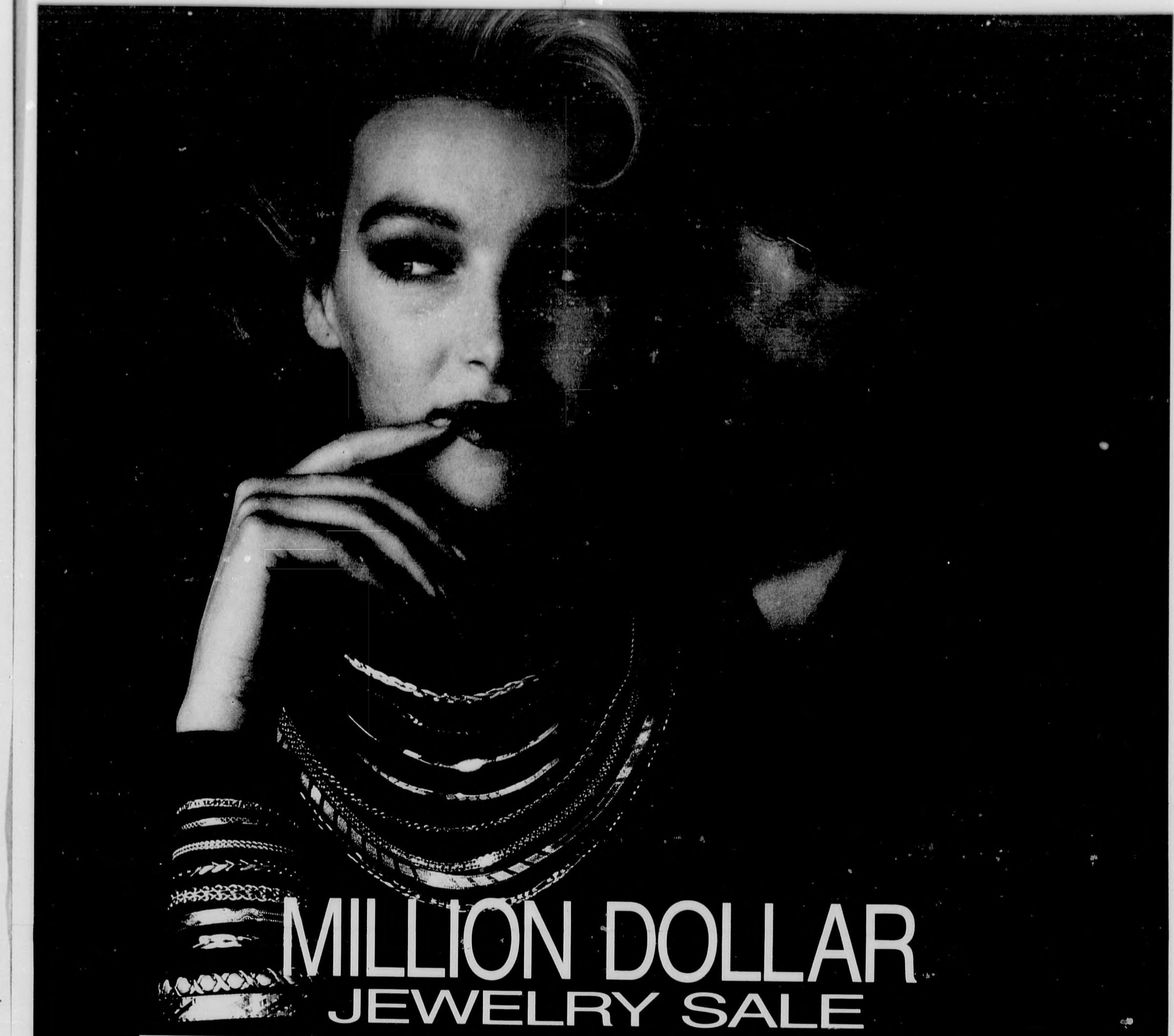
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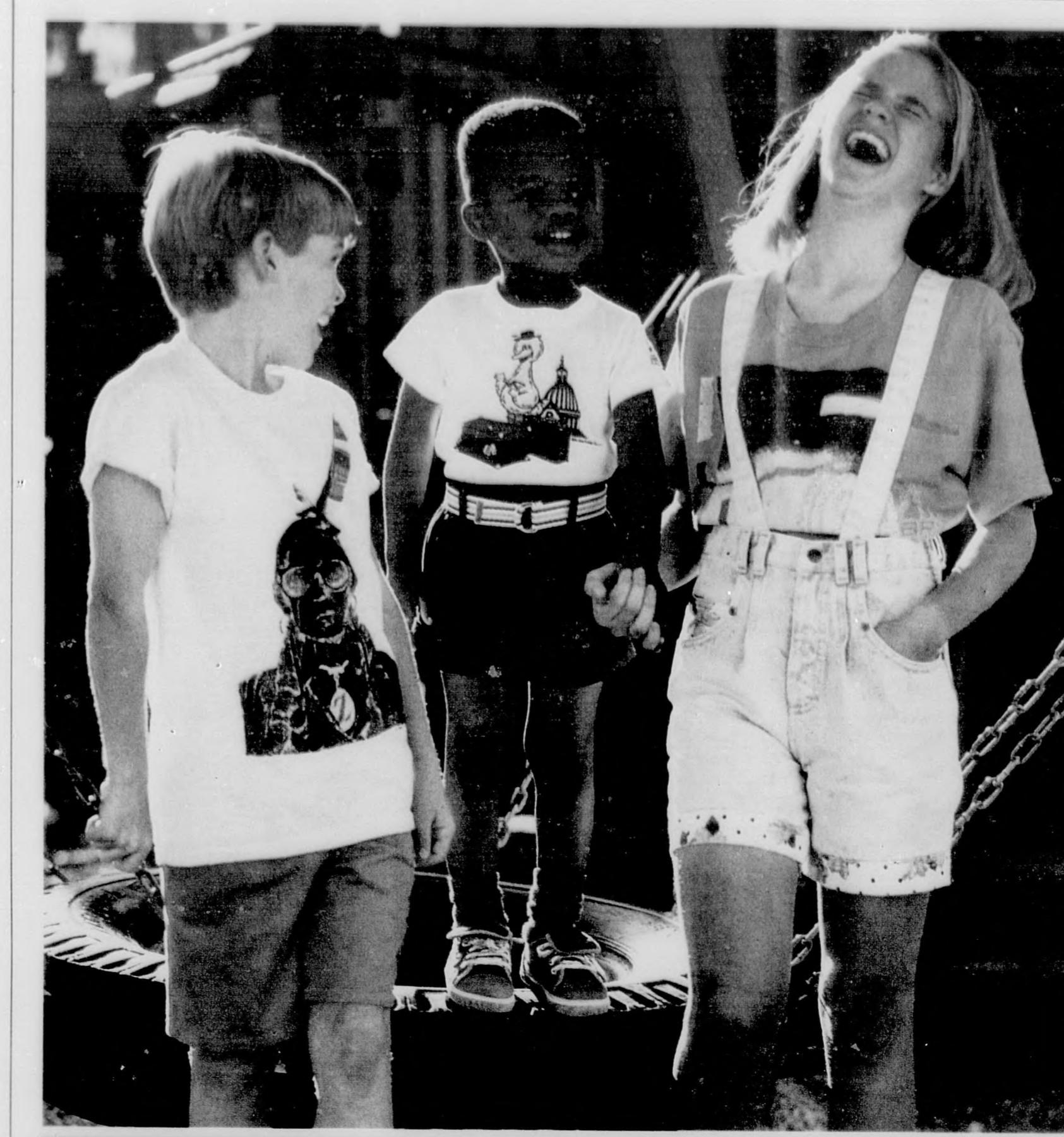
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ORIGINALLY THE CHARGE WAS MURDER AND ASSAULT IN THE FIRST-DEGREE

Creel convicted on lesser charge of homicide by vehicle

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

Last Friday afternoon at approximately 4:35 p.m., a Coffee County jury found one of eight men and four women, retained as a panel of jurors in the trial of Joseph Dwight Creel, 25, of Elba.

The jury rendered the verdict after testimony to more than three days of testimony and deliberating for more than nine hours and forty-five minutes.

Creel, who was originally charged with two counts of murder and one count of first-degree assault, was found guilty of second-degree assault by the jury of homicide by vehicle (2 counts) and assault in the second-degree (1 count).

The accident had resulted from a two-car collision which occurred on July 8, 1990 at approximately 5 a.m. in the morning. Dorothy A. Skinner, 56, of Elba and Scotty Wayne Norris, 19, also of Elba were killed in the crash. Mrs. Skinner was the driver of one of the vehicles sustained injuries in the wreck. Mrs. Skinner was a passenger in Mrs. Guy's automobile.

Norris was a passenger in the car driven by Creel as was Ronnie Crawley, 22, of Elba. Crawley received no serious injuries in the crash.

Court grand jury indicted Joseph Creel on two counts of murder in the deaths of Skinner and Norris and one count of first-degree assault for injuries sustained by Mrs. Guy at the time of the wreck.

An eye witness to the crash, Clinton Cain, testified on behalf of the defense. Cain was traveling at a high rate of speed as he drove the pavement in front of the home where he was at the time of the crash.

Cain is a resident of Malone, Florida, but he was staying at his old home place just north of the Basin

Community. The house is approximately 100 yards from where the two cars collided on July 8, 1990.

He stated that when the Creel car passed back on the road it veered across the center line and struck south of Elba. The driver of the vehicle in the trial of Joseph Dwight Creel, 25, of Elba.

Shirley attempted to discredit the testimony given by the defense's witnesses by calling the defense's own experts. A clinical chemist and a retired engineer experienced in highway construction were called to testify.

State toxicologist Laura Shevlin testified that two separate blood samples taken from the victim at 8:45 a.m. and another at 9:15 a.m. on the morning of the wreck, showed his blood alcohol level to be .046 percent and .031 percent respectively.

Alabama law considers a person to be legally drunk if their blood alcohol level is .10 percent and under the influence if the level is between .05 and .10 percent.

In a hypothetical case, Shevlin stated that Creel's blood alcohol level at the time of the wreck could have been as high as .15 percent and as low as .10 percent, but this could not be considered to be an absolute fact.

Defense's witness Christopher Frings, a clinical chemist and toxicologist testified that too many variables existed to determine an accurate blood alcohol level for Creel at the time of the wreck.

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In cross examination, Shirley contended that "Mr. Cain could not have seen all that he said he saw."

Mr. Cain countered with, "I saw what I saw."

The defense through "expert" witnesses attempted to show that the condition of the road was a factor in causing the crash.

During the course of the trial, the defense called witnesses to testify that Creel had been drinking and was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the collision. The defense's expert witness, Dr. James Clegg, testified that too many variables existed to determine an accurate blood alcohol level for Creel at the time of the wreck.

During deliberation Friday, the judge was asked more than once to again instruct the jury members as to the law concerning homicide by vehicle. Each time Judge McAliley, accompanied by defense attorney, Merrill Shirley, and the court recorder, entered the jury room and read the law to the jury as it applied to the case.

Last Thursday afternoon, after the

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